

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs of the specification as follows:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1, commencing on line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

This is a Continuation application of ~~co-pending~~ U.S. Application Serial No. 08/912,049 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Providing Broadcast Messages in a Communications Network" filed August 15, 1997, now pending U.S. Patent No. 6,157,815 issued on December 5, 2000 to Collins et al., and assigned to the Assignee of the present invention.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 1, commencing on line 37, with the following amended paragraph:

Power consumption is an important consideration of the subscriber stations, particularly in the case of mobile subscriber stations. In order to reduce the power consumption of the subscriber stations, a method known as slotted paging was devised. Slotted paging in a spread spectrum communications system is described in detail in ~~co-pending~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/847,149, now U.S. Patent No. 5,392,287 issued on February 21, 1995 to Geib et al., assigned to assignee of the present invention and incorporated by reference herein. By this technique a subscriber station monitors its assigned paging channel at predetermined intervals, which results in a significant power savings relative to monitoring the paging channel continuously.

Please replace the sixth paragraph on page 5, commencing on line 20, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to Figure 1, paging service providers 2, 4 and 6 provide messages to central communications center 10. The messages contain a header indicating the nature of the message and the actual message to be broadcast to the subscriber stations in the area. The broadcast messages are then broadcast by central communication center 10 to subscriber stations 12, 14 and 16. Subscriber stations 12, 14 and 16 receive the broadcast messages and selectively

provide the messages to the subscriber station user. In the exemplary embodiment, the signals are transmitted by the central communication center 10 to subscriber stations 12, 14 and 16 in accordance with a CDMA communication format as detailed in the ~~aforementioned~~ U.S. Patent Nos. 4,901,307 and 5,103,459.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 6, commencing on line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

The traffic channels are used for point to point communications of data and are allocated to an individual user for the duration of the point to point service being provided. The paging channels are a set of commonly shared channels used by all of the subscriber stations for receiving signaling and short message data. Signaling data such as a traffic page instructing a subscriber station that point to point communications are to be conducted and upon which traffic channel. The use of paging channels is described in detail in the aforementioned ~~copending~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/847,149 5,392,287.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 6, commencing on line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

When a communication system uses a plurality of paging channels, each user is assigned a paging channel on which to receive pages. A subscriber station monitors its assigned paging channel for traffic pages. In a non-slotted paging communication system the subscriber station continuously monitors its assigned paging channel for pages. However, because constant monitoring entails excessive energy expenditure, slotted paging communication systems were developed and are described in detail in the aforementioned ~~copending~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/847,149 5,392,287.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 16, commencing on line 36, with the following amended paragraph:

The delivery vector consists of three sub-fields which in the exemplary embodiment ~~included~~ includes frequency band, channel and slot sub-fields. The frequency band sub-field specifies the frequency sub-band in which the corresponding broadcast message will be provided. The channel sub-field specifies the paging or traffic channel where the corresponding broadcast message will be provided. The slot sub-field specifies the slot number within the

specified sub-band and channel where the broadcast pages will be provided. As described previously any or all of the delivery vector sub-fields can be provided explicitly or determined in accordance with a predetermined calculation format.